

REMARKS

By this Amendment the abstract has been amended to better conform with U.S. practice, claims 1-8 have been cancelled, and claims 9, 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form. Entry is requested.

In the Outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Moodycliffe et al. '757 or Moodycliffe et al. '673.

These rejections must be withdrawn. In this regard, claims 10 and 11 find support in parent application Serial No. 10/288,590, filed November 6, 2002 (see specification of present application at page 6, lines 7-17 and corresponding disclosure in parent application at page 5, line 29 to page 6, line 5). As such, the effective date of these claims is earlier than the effective date of the Moodycliffe et al. patents (November 8, 2002).

With respect to claim 9, the applicants are preparing a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 for filing in the near future.

The examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-11 as obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8 of parent (co-pending) application Serial No. 10/288,590.

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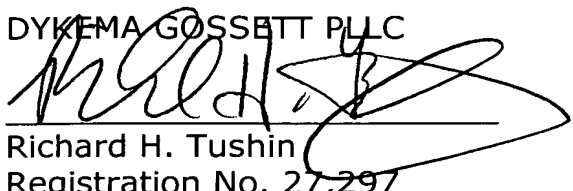
The applicants are concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer to
address this rejection.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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